

## **News Release**

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## Kaua'i reports one new COVID-19 case on Tuesday

LĪHU'E —The Kaua'i District Health Office today reported one additional case of COVID-19, bringing the county's total active cases to 17 and the cumulative number of cases to date to 38.

According to health officials, the current cluster is associated with group gatherings on Kaua`i. With the Independence Day weekend coming up, Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami warned residents to take precautions.

"As we approach the 4th of July holiday weekend we want to reiterate that the threat of COVID-19 is ongoing, and gathering with people outside of our household poses a serious risk of exposure," stated Mayor Kawakami. "Ideally, people should celebrate at home with their immediate family members. But if you are going to be out in public, wear a mask and keep a physical distance from others to help reduce the risk of spreading this virus."

The new case is part of the same cluster as the 16 other recent cases, and is part of one of the three households that each have had several positive cases.

All active cases are in isolation, and their close contacts are in quarantine. Some of the earliest cases in this June outbreak are recovering and are expected to be released from isolation soon.

The Department of Health continues to trace and test contacts of identified positive cases. Updates on new positive cases will be released as they are confirmed.

The new Kaua'i case will be reflected in the state Department of Health's daily COVID-19 noon update at hawaiicovid19.com.

Local updates on the pandemic will be reflected on the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency page, <a href="https://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19">www.kauai.gov/COVID-19</a>.

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